

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2018-400-W

Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval of a Wholesale Water Supply Agreement with the City of Columbia (Stonegate Subdivision)

Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("Company" or "CWS"), pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-210 (2015) and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-743 (2012), filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), an Application for Approval of a Wholesale Water Supply Agreement with the City of Columbia ("City") for the Stonegate Subdivision Portion of its Authorized Service Area in Richland County. The Company states in the Application that in addition to being necessary to comply with the Department of Health and Environmental Control's environmental regulatory requirements, that the purchase of wholesale service from the City is the most appropriate means by which to address customer concerns regarding the aesthetic quality of the water currently being supplied to customers, including concerns voiced during the public hearings held in the Company's most recent rate adjustment proceeding. CWS further submits that approval of the Agreement will have no effect upon current customer service rates as they will not change as a result of such approval and the costs and expenses associated with a purchase of wholesale water from the City will only be recognized in rates if approved in the Company's next rate relief proceeding after notice and an opportunity to be heard. The Purchase Agreement for Bulk Water, which was filed as Exhibit One of the Application, provides for (a) a monthly water service (meter) rate of \$322.89 plus (b) a descending volumetric rate based upon monthly wholesale consumption by CWS as a customer which is "Out of City" and within the City's "All others" customer category.

A copy of the company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2018-400-W. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the office of John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire and Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **February 12, 2019**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2018-400-W and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **February 12, 2019**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2018-400-W.***

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and **Docket No. 2018-400-W**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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